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### **Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker Visits Saudi Arabia**



Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker led a senior-executive Business Development Mission to Saudi Arabia March 10-12 to highlight bilateral trade opportunities. In Riyadh, Secretary Pritzker addressed the American and Saudi business leaders and government officials at a luncheon hosted by the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council (USSABC). Secretary Pritzker attended

a roundtable with Saudi entrepreneurs, where she shared her efforts to encourage economic opportunity for young people around the world through her work as chair of the President's Committee on Global Entrepreneurship. In support of the countries' bilateral commercial relationship and U.S. firms exploring business opportunities in Saudi Arabia, Secretary Pritzker met with several government and business leaders, including Second Deputy Prime Minister, HRH Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud. Secretary Pritzker also met with Dr. Tawfig Fawzan Alrabiah, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Deputy Minister of Water & Electricity Dr. Saleh Alawaji, and Dr. Hashim Yamani, President of King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy (KACARE).

Secretary Pritzker assured her Saudi counterparts of the United States' long-standing and enduring ties with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf region. "The United States and Saudi Arabia are strong partners in commerce and trade cooperation. I see our relationship only getting stronger in the years ahead," said Secretary Pritzker.